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## FACT SHEET

## MAYOR SANDERS ANNOUNCES AP RANKING OF SAN DIEGO AS NATION'S FOURTH SAFEST OF AMERICA'S 10 MOST POPULOUS CITIES

Statistics in FBI Uniform Crime Report for 2005 show that on average just 1 in 24 San Diegans fell victim to crime

Mayor Jerry Sanders today announced that the Associated Press has ranked San Diego as the fourth safest of America's 10 most populous cities based on the FBI's Uniform Crime Report for 2005.

Each year the FBI releases the Uniform Crime Report which sets forth in great detail crime statistics broken down by region, state, metropolitan area and city and as well by crime category.

The Uniform Crime Reporting Program was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet a need for reliable, uniform crime statistics for the nation.

The FBI collects, publishes, and archives those statistics. The stats are provided by nearly 17,000 law enforcement agencies across the United States, including the San Diego Police Department and other local agencies.

The Associated Press takes the Uniform Crime Report and evaluates the data in order to rank the top ten most populous cities in order of safety.

The ranking of the top 10 most populous cities in the United States appears on page 2.

## The 10 Largest Cities in the United States In Order of Safety

(population rank in parenthesis)

- 1. New York (1): One crime per 37.38 residents.
- 2. San Jose (10): One crime per 34.46 residents.
- 3. Los Angeles (2): One crime per 25.97 residents.
- 4. San Diego (8): One crime per 24.09 residents.
- 5. Chicago (3): One crime per 21.9 residents.
- 6. Philadelphia (5): One crime per 17.96 residents.
- 7. Houston (4): One crime per 14.17 residents.
- 8. San Antonio (7): One crime per 14.12 residents.
- 9. Phoenix (6): One crime per 14.10 residents.
- 10. Dallas (9): One crime per 11.79 residents.

SOURCE: FBI ANNUAL CRIME REPORT, http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/